Bomb Blasts in North-East States

†1342. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists had carried out blasts by bombs and other explosives in Dimapur in Nagaland and in several urban areas of Assam in the first week of October; if so, the number of innocent persons killed in these blasts;

(b) the names of terrorist organizations behind these blasts; whether there are any indications of Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI's involvement in these blasts; if so, the action Government has taken in this regard; and

(c) the initiative taken by Government to control terrorists, militants activities prevailing in Eastern States and the outcomes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) 24 persons in Nagaland and 41 persons in Assam were killed in the violent incidents which took place in Nagaland and Assam in the first week of October, 2004.

(b) While no militant organisation has claimed responsibility for Nagaland blast, in Assam the violence was perpetrated by coordinated operations of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB). There is no report indicating Pak ISI's involvement in these incidents, although Pak ISI is supporting some of the North Eastern insurgent groups.

(c) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have right kind of laws and modernise & strengthen the Policy/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society. During the current year, the overall violence in the North East is less compared to the same period last year.

Violence in North East

1343. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that situation in North East is getting worse with every passing day;

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